

[22 March, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

**Cost overrun on mega projects**

3012. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost overrun on the mega projects touches 46,000 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) (and) (b) As on 31.12.2000, out of 35 mega projects each costing Rs.1000 crores and above on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, 21 projects have cost overrun of Rs.31,706.2 crores. The sector-wise break-up of cost overruns is given in the enclosed statement (*See below*).

(c) The steps taken by the Government in this regard are as follows:

- (i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government.
- (ii) indepth critical review of the progress by the Project Authorities and the administrative Ministries and follow up with the State Governments (for acquisition of land and provision of infrastructure facilities like water and power, ensuring law & order at project sites, etc.), consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays;
- (iii) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the concerned administrative Ministries for resolution of problems;
- (iv) bringing modifications in the Land Acquisition Act and Rehabilitation Packages.
- (v) inter-ministerial co-ordination for resolving problems of inter-ministerial nature;
- (vi) making available matching funds to complete the projects in

the advanced stages of implementation along with the revised completion schedule; and

(vii) reviews by the Minister-in-charge, the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat.

### Statement

*Extent of time/cost overrun of projects (costing Rs. 1,000 crores & above) with respect to original schedule  
(As on 01-01-2001)*

S.No.	Sector	No. of Proj- ects	Total Cost (Rs. Crs)			Proj. with cost overrun			
			Original	Anti- cipated cost	Cost over- run(%)	No.	Orgi. cost	Anti- cipated cost	% In- crease
1.	Atomic Energy	3	4889.3	14356.0	193.6	3	4889.3	14356.0	193.6
2.	Coal	5	6675.7	7316.0	9.6	3	3238.7	4031.5	24.5
3.	Mines	2	3726.6	3726.6	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.	Petroleum	7	19111.8	19271.8	0.8	1	1803.0	1963.0	8.9
5.	Power	13	25644.5	44625.2	74.0	10	20460.9	39441.6	92.8
6.	Railways	4	4820.0	6775.0	40.6	3	3820.0	5775.0	51.2
7.	Others	1	4860.0	5211.0	7.2	1	4860.0	5211.0	7.2
TOTAL		35	69728.0	101281.7	45.3	21	39071.9	70778.1	81.1

### Availability of MPLADS funds

†3013. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated under the MPLADS to Members of Parliament each year is not made available

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.